

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

June 16, 2015

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch, Annette Thompson, Gerald Adelmeyer and Ed Nelson.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Department Head, Elsie González, Dairy & Livestock Agent, and Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for May 2015.

- b. Discussion and update on the Crops & Soils Ag Agent position

Hoffman reported that there is no change in status of the position posting; he shared that nothing will be done until the State Budget is complete.

- c. Discussion and update on the hiring of a Wisconsin Nutrition Education Coordinator

Carroll reported that the position has been posted and now the deadline has been extended to June 30th. Will know more information when it closes.

Preliminary interviews will be held via phone, finals will be done by HR in Madison not involving the Extension Committee. Pattie Carroll will be involved in the final interviews.

- d. Discussion and consideration of the September WCA/WACEC Convention

Behl and Nelson will be attending the convention. Expenses to attend the conference are included in the UW-Extension 2015 budget. Members of the Executive Committee voted favorably for them to attend. Behl added that WCA and WACEC are planning to hold a combined convention on odd years; 2016 WACEC will hold their own convention.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Shared that he is working with the Waupun V.F.W. on strategic planning concerns. His role is working with the Trustees on processes to improve the organization's ability to recruit and maintain membership. Hoffman role is to facilitate the visioning, and brainstorming phases and work with the group to develop an implementation plan for the future of the organization.

Carroll: Carroll shared summer planning details which includes Dodge CARES fall summit, Dodge County Directors Caucus Super Saturday, Beaver Dam Unified School district teacher in-service and parenting education series. Carroll also reported that the financial education series of classes taught at Dodge Land School was very successful and that students showed an interest in preparing for real life financial decision making.


González: Gonzalez shared that she is coordinating a Skid Steer Safety Workshop to provide resources for people teach Skid Steer Safety. This training is a collaborative effort between Dodge County and UW-Madison Farm Safety specialist. It is expected to have representation from the dairy farming industry, extension educators, and ag safety consultants. She also mentioned that in order to address the needs of the dairy goat producers in the county, Gonzalez is coordinating a stakeholders meeting with key players from this industry including people from state government, UW-Extension, processors, bankers, and producers to identify the needs of this industry and how they would like educational resources delivered.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, July 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Pollesch to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman